

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 26, 2005.

Claim 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended. Reconsideration and favorable action in this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 7 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Rourke. Claims 1 and 7 have now been amended to distinguish over the O'Rourke reference, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

The present latch locks two members together utilizing a combination of three points of engagement between the two members. The first and second sidewalls of the first member engage the second member at a rib and shoulder, respectively. The third point of engagement is between the second member rim rib and the first member rim aperture. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the third point of engagement with respect to the second member shoulder and first member second sidewall. This structure is not shown or disclosed in the O'Rourke reference, and it is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-6 depending from claim 1, and claims 8 and 9 depending from claim 7, further define the present invention, and it is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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